





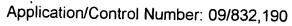
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	earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).  Status					
	1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 No.	sponsive to communication(s) filed on <u>07 November 2002</u> .				
	20\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	action is non-final.				
	3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.					
}	4)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-8</u> is/are pending in the application.					
	4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.					
	5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.					
	6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-8</u> is/are rejected.					
	7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.					
8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.  Application Papers						
	9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.					
	10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.					
	Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).					
	ine proposed drawing correction filed on is	: a)☐ approved b)☐ disapprov	ed by the Examiner			
	if approved, corrected drawings are required in reply	to this Office action.	,			
12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.						
Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120						
	13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).					
	a)⊠ All b) Some * c) None of:					
	1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.					
	2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No.					
	Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.					
.	14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for demostic priority and a copies not received.					
	14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).					
a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.  15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.						
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2) <u>[</u> 3) [	Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s)		TO-413) Paper No(s) ent Application (PTO-152)			
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

### Response to Amendment

- 1. Applicant's response filed November 7, 2002 has been place of record in the file as Paper No. 11.
- 2. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

# Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- 4. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Komatsu (U.S. Patent No. 5,051,101). With regard to Claim 1, Komatsu discloses a card connector for accepting a card (C), which has a recess (81) in its side surface, the card connector comprising: an eject mechanism (8,9) having an eject member (8,9), the eject member (8,9) being adapted to move in a card insertion direction as the card (C) is inserted into the connector during a card insertion operation and to move in a card eject direction in response to a card eject operation to eject the card (C); an elastic locking

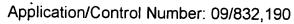
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piece (11) having a locking portion (13) to engage in the recess (81) of the card (C) and a stationary portion (19) fixed in the eject member (8,9); and a locking piece guide means (12) for guiding the elastic locking piece (11) during the card eject operation and the card insertion operation wherein the locking piece guide means (12) causes the elastic locking piece (11) to become elastically deformed during the card eject operation to move the locking portion (13) away from the recess (81) of the card (C) and wherein the: locking piece guide means (12) causes the elastic locking piece (11) to become released from the elastic deformation during the card insertion operation thereby causing the elastic locking piece (11) to move toward the card (C) by an elastic recovery force to engage the locking portion (13) in the recess (81) of the card (C). See Figs. 1-5.

With regard to Claim 2, Komatsu discloses the locking piece guide means (12) having a protruding portion (14) projecting from the elastic locking piece (11); and a guide wall (7) formed in the connector housing (2) and having a tapered surface (7b) to guide the protruding portion (14) as the eject member (8,9) moves in the card insertion or eject direction. See Figs. 1-5.

With regard to Claim 3, Komatsu discloses the locking piece guide means (12) guiding the protruding portion (14) of the elastic locking piece (11) thereby causing the locking portion (13) to move away from the side surface of the card (C) and towards a side wall portion of the connector housing (2) during the card eject operation and to move toward the side surface of the card (C) during the card insertion operation causing the locking portion (13) to press against the side surface of the card (C); the protruding portion (14) of the elastic locking piece (11) projects upwardly or downwardly of the



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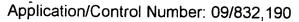
connector housing (2); and the tapered surface of the guide wall (7) is inclined with respect to the side surface of the inserted card (C). See Figs. 1-5.

With regard to Claim 4, Komatsu discloses the locking piece guide means (12) guiding the protruding portion (14) of the elastic locking piece (11) thereby causing the locking portion (13) to move vertically away from the bottom or top surface of the card (C) during the card eject operation and to move toward the bottom or top surface of the card (C) during the card insertion operation causing the locking portion (13) to press against the bottom or top surface of the card (C); the protruding portion (14) of the elastic locking piece (11) projects widthways of the connector housing (2); and the tapered surface of the guide wall (7) is inclined with respect to the bottom surface of the inserted card (C). See Figs. 1-5.

With regard to Claim 5, Komatsu discloses the locking piece guide means (12) being a member projecting from the connector housing (2) to engage a part, of the elastic locking piece (11) thereby causing the locking portion (13) to move away from the side surface of the card (C) and towards a side wall portion of the connector housing (2) during the card eject operation and to move toward the side surface of the card (C) during the card insertion operation. See Figs. 1-5.

With regard to Claim 6, Komatsu discloses the locking portion (13) of the elastic locking piece (11) being shaped virtually like a hook. See Figs. 1-5.

With regard to Claim 7, Komatsu discloses that when a second card (C) without the recess (81) is inserted, the locking portion (13) of the elastic locking piece (11) works as a braking piece that presses against a wall surface of the second card (C) to



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apply to the card (C) a braking force acting in a direction opposing card retraction. See Figs. 1-5.

With regard to Claim 8, Komatsu discloses the connector housing (2) being formed with a space that prevents the protruding portion (14) from interfering with other members when a second card (C) without the recess (81) is inserted. See Figs. 1-5.

## Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-8 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any

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extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later

than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Edwin A. León whose telephone number is (703) 308-

6253. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 10:00-6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Paula A. Bradley can be reached on (703) 308-2319. The fax phone

numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703)

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or

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